



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Center of Excellence in Marine Aquaculture, Carlsbad, CA in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, located at 2595 Ingraham St., San Diego, CA 92109. The funding would be used to upgrade building capacity and equipment to transform the Leon Raymond Hubbard, Jr. Marine Fish Hatchery facility into a state-of-the-art on-land hub for research and innovation in sustainable marine aquaculture.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support research on how to create offshore aquaculture projects that have a minimal environmental footprint, require fewer inputs than terrestrial aquaculture, and improve sustainable seafood production.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levin".

MIKE LEVIN
Member of Congress